



STATE OF MICHIGAN  
JOCELYN BENSON, SECRETARY OF STATE  
DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
LANSING

May 19, 2021

**CHALLENGE DEADLINE ESTABLISHED FOR  
INITIATIVE PETITION SPONSORED BY  
FAIR AND EQUAL MICHIGAN**

An initiative petition proposing to amend Section 103 of the Elliott-Larsen Civil Rights Act, Public Act 453 of 1976, MCL 37.2103, to define “sex” as including gender, sexual orientation, and gender identity or expression, and “religion” as including the religious beliefs of an individual, was filed with the Secretary of State on October 13, 2020 by Fair and Equal Michigan.

The Board of State Canvassers established a uniform deadline for challenging signatures sampled from an initiative, constitutional amendment or referendum petition to elapse at 5:00 p.m. on the 10<sup>th</sup> business day after copies of the sampled signatures are made available to the public.

Please be advised that copies of the signatures sampled from this initiative petition were released to the public today, May 19, 2021, meaning **the deadline to submit challenges to this petition will elapse at 5:00 p.m. on June 3, 2021** (due to the Memorial Day holiday).

Please contact the Bureau of Elections at [Elections@Michigan.gov](mailto:Elections@Michigan.gov) or (517) 335-3234 if you wish to purchase a copy of the sampled signatures for the petition.